# **APPENDIX E**

# CALIFORNIA DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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Please read the requirements and instructions carefully before you begin.

## AUTHORITY.

The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Participation Goal Program for State contracts is established in Public Contract Code (PCC), §10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code (MVC), §999 et seq., and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 2, §1896.60 et seq.

The minimum DVBE participation percentage (goal) is 3% for this solicitation unless another percentage is specified in the solicitation.

#### INTRODUCTION.

The bidder must complete the identified forms and fully document at least one of the options (A, B or C) in this document to comply with this solicitation's DVBE program requirements. Bids or proposals (hereafter called "bids") that fail to submit all required forms and fully document and meet one of the DVBE program requirement options shall be considered non-responsive.

Information submitted by the intended awardee to comply with this solicitation's DVBE requirements will be verified by the State. If evidence of an alleged violation is found during the verification process, the State shall initiate an investigation, in accordance with the requirements of the PCC §10115, et seq., and MVC §999 et seq., and follow the investigatory procedures required by the CCR §1896.80. Contractors found to be in violation of certain provisions may be subject to loss of certification, penalties and/or contract termination.

Only State of California, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS), certified DVBEs (hereafter called "DVBE") who perform a commercially useful function relevant to this solicitation, may be used to satisfy the DVBE program requirements. The criteria and definition for performing a commercially useful function are contained herein on the page entitled Resources & Information. Bidders are to verify each DVBE subcontractor's certification with OSDS to ensure DVBE eligibility.

## PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

These instructions contain information about the DVBE program requirements, bidder responsibilities, requirements for performing and documenting each of the three available options (Option A, Option B, or Option C) as detailed below, and the DVBE Bid Incentive. Bidders are responsible for thorough review and compliance with these instructions. Complete and document your option selection and related information on the forms identified herein.

To meet the DVBE program requirements, bidders must complete and fully document at least one of the following compliance options: Option A - Commitment to full DVBE participation - For a bidder who is a DVBE or who is able to meet the commitment to use identified certified DVBE(s) to fulfill the full DVBE participation goal.

Option B - Good Faith Effort - For a bidder documenting its completed effort, made prior to the bid due date, to obtain DVBE participation that may result in partial or no DVBE participation. (For partial participation, identified certified DVBE(s) must be used).

Option C - Business Utilization Plan - For a bidder using an annual plan (subject to pre-bid submission approval) to satisfy DVBE participation requirements. Applies only to solicitations for goods and information technology.

## **OPTION A - COMMITMENT**

Commit to meet or exceed the DVBE participation requirement in this solicitation by either Method A1 (bidder is a California certified DVBE) or A2 (bidder is not a California certified DVBE). Bidders must document DVBE participation Commitment by completing and submitting the attached Documentation of Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program Requirements (STD. 840) and the Bidder Declaration (GSPD-05-105) located elsewhere within the solicitation document. Failure to complete and submit the required forms as instructed shall render the bid non-responsive.

At the State's option prior to award of the contract, a written confirmation from each DVBE subcontractor identified on the Bidder Declaration must be provided. As directed by the State, the written confirmation must be signed by the bidder and/or the DVBE subcontractor(s). The written confirmation may request information that includes but is not limited to the DVBE scope of work, work to be performed by the DVBE, term of intended subcontract with the DVBE, anticipated dates the DVBE will perform required work, rate and conditions of payment, and total amount to be paid to the DVBE. If further verification is necessary, the State will obtain additional information to verify the above requirements.

#### Method A1. Certified DVBE bidder:

- a. Commit to performing at least 3% of the contract bid amount (unless otherwise specified) with the prime bidder's firm or in combination with another DVBE(s).
- b. Document option intention on the STD. 840 (Section A) and document DVBE participation on the Bidder Declaration GSPD-05-105.
- c. At the State's option a DVBE bidder working in combination with other DVBEs shall submit proof of its commitment by submitting a written confirmation from the DVBE(s) identified as a subcontractor on the Bidder Declaration. When requested, the document must be submitted to the address or facsimile number specified and within the timeframe identified in the notification. Failure to submit the written confirmation as specified may be grounds for bid rejection.

#### Method A2. Non-DVBE bidder:

- a. Commit to using certified DVBE(s) for at least 3% (unless otherwise specified) of the bid amount.
- b. When a bidder commits to less than the required 3% DVBE participation or its commitment may fall below 3% such as when specific line items/groups are not selected for award, then Option B, Good Faith Effort must be completed.
- c. Document option intention on the STD. 840 (Section A) and document DVBE participation on the Bidder Declaration GSPD-05-105. Note: If Option B is selected, see Good Faith Effort documentation requirements below.
- d. At the State's option prior to contract award, a bidder is to submit proof of its commitment by submitting a written confirmation from each DVBE identified as a subcontractor on the Bidder Declaration GSPD-05-105.

The awarding department contracting official named in the solicitation may contact each listed DVBE, by mail, fax or telephone, for verification of the bidder's submitted DVBE information. When requested, the document must be submitted to the address or facsimile number specified and within the timeframe identified in the notification. Failure to submit the written confirmation as specified may be grounds for bid rejection.

## OPTION B - GOOD FAITH EFFORT

Good Faith Effort (GFE) performance and documentation requirements must be completely satisfied prior to bid submission if the bidder is unable to obtain and commit to the full DVBE participation percentage goal (Option A) and does not exercise Option C. Perform and document the following Steps 1 through 5 on both pages of the attached STD. 840 form. Failure to perform and document GFE Steps 1 through 5 as instructed, which includes properly completing and submitting both pages of STD. 840 and the Bidder Declaration

GSPD-05-105, shall result in the bid being deemed non-responsive. Step 3, Advertisement, is required unless specifically waived for this solicitation due to time limits imposed by the awarding department.

## Step 1: Awarding Department (PCC §10115.2[b][1])

Contact the Department's contracting official listed below to identify interested DVBEs. The contact must be fully documented and the results described on the STD. 840 (Page 1), Section B, Step 1.

Karen Boulet: (916) 651-6149 E-mail: kboulet@dfg.ca.gov

California Department of Fish and Game 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814 FAX (916) 651-6000

Step 2: Other State and Federal Agencies, and Local Organizations (PCC §10115.2[b][2])

All three entities must be contacted. For searches that are accomplished online, attach screen print(s) of Web results for verification. The screen prints should be current and coincide with the goods/services sought in the State's solicitation.

STATE: Contact the Department of General Services, Procurement Division (DGS-PD), Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS), to obtain a list of certified DVBEs by telephone at (916) 375-4940 for the receptionist during normal business hours. This information can also be obtained by searching the online database at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus. Begin by selecting "Find Certified SBs and DVBEs." Search by using Keyword words and by clicking on "Include SIC Codes in Search." The contact must be fully documented and the results described on the STD. 840 (Page 1), Section B.

FEDERAL: Search the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Central Contractor Registration (CCR) online database at www.ccr.gov/ to identify potential DVBEs and click on the "Dynamic Small Business Search" button. Search options and information are provided on the CCR Dynamic Small Business Search site. First time users should click on the "help" button for detailed instructions. You must fully document this contact and describe the results on the STD. 840 (Page 1), Section B,

LOCAL: Contact at least one local DVBE organization to identify DVBEs. For a list of local DVBE organizations, please refer to the DVBE Resource Packet that may be accessed online (www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus - select "DVBE Resource Packet") or obtain a hardcopy by requesting it from DGS-PD Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (see the Resources & Information page provided herein). You must fully document your contact with local DVBE organizations and describe the results on the STD. 840 (Page 1), Section B, Step 2.

#### Step 3: ADVERTISEMENTS (PCC §10115.2[b][3])

Advertisements are mandatory unless waived by the awarding department within the solicitation.

CONTENT REQUIREMENTS: Include all of the following in your advertisement(s): (1) company name; (2) contact name; (3) address; (4) telephone and facsimile numbers (if applicable); (5) e-mail address (if applicable); (6) the State's solicitation number; (7) description of goods and/or services for which subcontractor participation is sought (Note: It must be goods and/or services for which the subcontractor will be performing a commercially useful function); (8) the location(s) of work to be performed; (9) the State's bid due date and/or your due date for receiving DVBE responses.

HOW MANY & WHERE TO PUBLISH: Bidders must publish at a minimum, two (2) ads: one (1) each in a trade paper and a DVBE focus paper unless the paper has a dual purpose (fulfilling both trade and focus requirements as defined in CCR, Title 2, §1896.61(k)), in which case one (1) ad is acceptable in lieu of the two (2) mentioned above. Please see the DVBE Resource Packet for a list of acceptable publications.

WHEN: Pursuant to CCR §1896.63(2), advertisements must be published after the solicitation's release date and at least 14 days prior to the bid due date, unless a different time period is expressly established in this solicitation.

DOCUMENT & SUBMIT: On the STD. 840 (Page 2), Section C, Step 3, document the publication name(s) where advertisement(s) were published, the contact name and phone number, and the date of publication. Include a copy of the advertisement(s) with your bid.

## Step 4: INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE (PCC §10115.2[b][4])

WHO: Invite (solicit) DVBEs who can provide relevant goods and/or services to this solicitation to subcontract with you. Conducting Steps 1 through 3 produces a list of DVBEs from which you may choose potential DVBE subcontractors to contact. Bidders are advised to contact as many DVBEs (who provide relevant goods and/or services in the applicable location(s)) as possible. Only California certified DVBEs should be contacted -- please refer non-California certified DVBEs to the OSDS to learn about certification (see the Resources & Information page for contact information).

FOR WHAT: Solicit DVBEs for goods and/or services relevant to the State's solicitation. If you are unable to identify specific portions of the proposed contract to subcontract, the State encourages bidders to avoid making a predetermination that no DVBEs are able to perform or no portions of the work can be subcontracted, without first contacting and soliciting participation from them. This allows DVBEs to respond whether they can or cannot provide goods or services related to the solicitation, and provides a bidder with responses for consideration.

HOW TO INVITE & CONTENT REQUIREMENTS: Written invitations are required. At a minimum, invitations must contain all of the following: (1) company name; (2) contact name; (3) address; (4) telephone and facsimile (if applicable) numbers; (5) return e-mail address (if applicable); (6) the State's solicitation number; (7) description of goods and/or services for which subcontractor participation is sought (Note: It must be goods and/or services for which the subcontractor will be performing a commercially useful function); (8) the location(s) of work to be performed; (9) the State's bid due date and/or your due date for receiving DVBE responses.

The invitation should also include the anticipated schedule for subcontractor performance and terms/conditions related to payment of the subcontractor.

WHEN: Provide DVBEs with a reasonable time period to receive and respond to your invitation, and to be considered by you for participation as described in Step 5 (below), prior to your bid submission.

DOCUMENT & SUBMIT: Bidders must document the completed contacts on STD. 840 (Page 2), Section C. Attach additional copies of STD. 840A as necessary to list your DVBE contacts. You are required to attach a copy of: (1) each invitation or offer sent by mail, fax or e-mail; and (2) should include confirmation of transmittal or delivery. Your bid may be considered non-responsive if it fails to include copies of the written invitations and delivery confirmations.

## Step 5: CONSIDERATION (PCC §10115.2[b][5])

Consider all responding DVBEs for contract participation. Consideration must be based on business needs for this contract and the same evaluation criteria must be applied to each potential DVBE subcontractor offering the same goods and services. Any firm selected for participation must be documented on the Bidder Declaration GSPD-05-105. Bidders must commit to using the certified DVBEs in the capacity and for the amount identified on the GSPD-05-105. Any firm not selected must be identified on the STD. 840 (Page 2), Section C, and the reason for non-selection documented on the form. Attach additional copies of STD. 840A as necessary to list all of your DVBE contacts that were not selected.

#### OPTION C - THE DVBE BUSINESS UTILIZATION PLAN (BUP)

This option permits bidders to submit an approved DVBE BUP to satisfy DVBE participation solicitation requirements up to 3%. DVBE BUPs apply only to solicitations for goods and Information Technology (IT) goods and services. DVBE BUPs are a company's commitment to expend a minimum of 3% of its total statewide contract dollars with DVBEs -- this percentage is based on all of its contracts held in California, not Department of Fish and Game just those with the State. DVBE BUPs must be submitted to and approved by the DGS-PD prior to the bid due date. Please call the DGS-PD, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services for assistance. Bidders choosing this option must properly complete and submit STD. 840 (Section A), the Bidders Declaration (GSPD-05-105), and include a copy of its approval letter with the bid; failure to submit these documents shall render your bid non-responsive.

#### DVBE BID INCENTIVE.

In accordance with Section 999.5(a) of the Military and Veterans Code an incentive will be given to bidders who provide DVBE participation. For evaluation purposes only, the State shall apply an incentive to bids that propose California certified DVBE participation as identified on the Bidder Declaration GSPD-05-105 and confirmed by the State. The incentive amount for awards based on low price will vary in conjunction with the percentage of DVBE participation. Unless a table that replaces the one below has been expressly established elsewhere within the solicitation, the following percentages will apply for awards based on low price.

Confirmed DVBE Participation of: DVBE Incentive:

Over 3%	10%
3%	7%
2%	up to 3% 5%
1%	up to 2% 3%

As applicable: (1) Awards based on low price - the net bid price of responsive bids will be reduced (for evaluation purposes only) by the amount of DVBE incentive as applied to the lowest responsive net bid price. If the #1 ranked responsive, responsible bid is a California certified small business, the only bidders eligible for the incentive will be California certified small businesses. The incentive adjustment for awards based on low price cannot exceed 10% or \$100,000, whichever is less, of the #1 ranked net bid price. When used in combination with a preference adjustment, the cumulative adjustment amount cannot exceed 15% or \$100,000, whichever is less. (2) Awards based on highest score - the solicitation shall include an individual requirement that identifies incentive points for DVBE participation.

### **RESOURCES AND INFORMATION**

For questions regarding bid documentation requirements, contact the contracting official at the awarding department for this solicitation. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 10115.2(b)(3), bidders must advertise in trade and focus publications unless the requirement is waived. The Department of General Services, Procurement Division (DGS-PD) publishes a list of trade and focus publications to assist bidders in meeting these contract requirements. To obtain this list, please contact the DGS-PD Office of Small Business and DVBE services and request the "DVBE Resource Packet."

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA): Use the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) on-line database. Internet contact only –Database: <a href="https://www.ccr.gov/">www.ccr.gov/</a>.

FOR: Service-Disabled Veteran-owned businesses in California (Remember to verify each DVBE's California certification.) Local Organizations (see the DVBE Resource Packet available from DGS-PD DVBE Program Section listed below)

FOR: List of potential DVBE subcontractors DGS-PD Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS) 707 Third Street, Room 1-400, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Website: www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus

Receptionist: (916) 375-4940

Voice, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: (800) 559-5529

Fax: (916) 375-4950

FOR:

Directory of Certified DVBEs
Certification Applications
Certification Information
Certification Status, Concerns
DVBE Program Info. & Statewide Policy
DVBE Resource Packet
DVBE Business Utilization Plan
Small Business/DVBE Advocates

## ADVERTISEMENT FORMAT EXAMPLE

This example offers a suggested format that includes required information outlined in Option B, Good Faith Effort, Step 3. You can substitute the applicable information for the bolded, italicized words. DVBEs are invited to participate as a potential subcontractor to perform a commercially useful function specific to DGS' IFB No. 12345 for fencing materials in Chowchilla.

DVBE responses due to me 1/1/02; Bids due to the State 1/15/02.

Contact: ABC Company Jane Doe, General Manager 123 Main Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 voice: 555/555-5555; fax: 555/555-5556

or e-mail: jane.doe@abcco.com

Commercially Useful Function Definition California Code of Regulations, Title 2, § 1896.61(I):

The term "DVBE contractor, subcontractor or supplier" means any person or entity that satisfies the ownership (or management) and control requirements of §1896.61(f); is certified in accordance with §1896.70; and provides services or goods that contribute to the fulfillment of the contract requirements by performing a commercially useful function.

As defined in MVC §999, a person or an entity is deemed to perform a "commercially useful function" if a person or entity does all of the following:

- Is responsible for the execution of a distinct element of the work of the contract;
- Carries out the obligation by actually performing, managing, or supervising the work involved;
- Performs work that is normal for its business services and functions; and
- Is not further subcontracting a portion of the work that is greater than that expected to be subcontracted by normal industry practices.

A contractor, subcontractor, or supplier will not be considered to perform a commercially useful function if the contractor's, subcontractor's, or supplier's role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of disabled veteran business enterprise participation.

DOCUMENTATION OF DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

STD. 840 (REV. 1/2005)

A. Designation Of Option – Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate the option(s) with which you choose to comply, complete the applicable sections and attach the required supporting documentation. You are advised to read all instructions carefully prior to completing this form. Remember that only California certified DVBEs

who can provide related goods and/or services may be used to satisfy these program solicitation requirements. DVBEs must perform a commercially useful function. During contract performance, all requests for substituting DVBE subcontractors must be made in accordance with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, §1896.64(c).

OPTION A – I commit to meeting the full DVBE Agreement participation requirement. Complete: STD. 840, Section A (check the box on this form) and Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 (located elsewhere in the solicitation)

OPTION B – I performed and documented a Good Faith Effort (GFE) in an attempt to obtain DVBE participation.

- Complete:
- STD. 840, Section A (check the box on this form),
- STD. 840, Section B (for GFE Steps 1 & 2),
- STD. 840 (REVERSE), Section C (for GFE Steps 3-5), and
- Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 (located elsewhere in the solicitation)

OPTION C – I submit a copy of my firm's "Notice of Approved DVBE Business Utilization Plan."

- Complete:
- STD. 840, Section A (check the box on this form) and
- Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 (located elsewhere in the solicitation)

B. Documentation of GFE Steps 1 and 2 – Full information must be provided. Remember to carefully read all instructions prior to completing this form. Please refer to the Resources & Information page for detailed contact information.

STEP 1. Contact the Awarding Department (the contracting official, unless another contact is specified) to identify potential DVBE subcontractors, and document this contact below.

**Date Contacted** 

Contact Name Telephone Number () ext.

Describe Result

STEP 2. Contact all of the following and document your contacts as required: Other State and federal agencies and local organizations to identify potential DVBE subcontractors. Attach screen print(s) of Web Results for verification.

Other State Agency – Procurement Division, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS)

# PHONE CONTACT OR ONLINE SEARCH

Date

Telephone Number

(916) 375-4940

Contact Name I contacted the OSDS for a list of California

certified DVBEs.

#### Date

Internet Address

www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus

I searched the OSDS online database to identify California certified DVBEs.

Describe Result

Federal Agency – U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) online database

Date Internet Address www.ccr.gov/

I searched the federal online database for California DVBEs. Describe Result

Local DVBE Organizations – Contact at least one local DVBE organization – refer to the DVBE Resource Packet for a list of acceptable contacts. (www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus – select "DVBE Resource Packet")

Date

Organization Name Contact Name Telephone Number and/or Internet Address () - www.

Describe Result

Date

Organization Name Contact Name Telephone Number () and/or Internet address Describe Result

Go to next page, Section C, to continue GFE documentation.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – GENERAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT DIVISION ADDITIONAL DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTACTS STD. 840A (REV. 1/2005)

C. Documentation of Good Faith Effort Steps 3, 4 and 5 – Full information must be provided.

STEP 3. Publish advertisements: At least two (2) advertisements: One (1) ad in an accepted trade paper; and one (1) ad in an accepted DVBE focus paper (please see the DVBE Resource Packet for a list of all accepted publications and a sample advertisement format); unless the paper is an approved dual purpose (fulfilling both trade and focus requirements), in which case one (1) ad is acceptable. Document this step as required and remember to attach a copy of your advertisement(s).

Focus Paper Name (list full name)
Contact Name
Telephone Number
Address
Date Ad Published

Trade Paper Name (list full name)
Contact Name
Telephone Number
Address
Date Ad Published

I certify the ad was placed to reach both trade and focus audiences through this one publication. Trade and Focus Paper Name (list full name)

Contact Name
Telephone Number
Address

Date Ad Published

STEP 4 & STEP 5. Document your completed contacts with (Step 4) and consideration of (Step 5), relevant DVBEs. Business reasons for non-selection must be explained. Attach additional pages to list all other DVBE

contacts (you may use STD. 840A). Copies of all written invitations must be attached. Delivery confirmations should also be attached and submitted with the bid.

**Date Contacted** 

**DVBE Company Name** 

DVBE Contact Name & Reference # Telephone Number () ext.

Fax Number

() E-mail (if available)

Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

DVBE was selected and is listed on the GSPD-05-105

DVBE not selected for the following business reasons:

**Date Contacted** 

**DVBE Company Name** 

DVBE Contact Name & Reference # Telephone Number () ext.

Fax Number

() E-mail (if available)

Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

DVBE was selected and is listed on the GSPD-05-105

DVBE not selected for the following business reasons:

**Date Contacted** 

**DVBE Company Name** 

DVBE Contact Name & Reference # Telephone Number () ext.

Fax Number

() E-mail (if available)

Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

DVBE was selected and is listed on the GSPD-05-105

DVBE not selected for the following business reasons:

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES (OR USE STD. 840A) TO LIST ALL OTHER DVBE CONTACTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA – GENERAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT DIVISION ADDITIONAL DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTACTS

STD. 840A (REV. 1/2005)

This document may be used as a continuation from Section C, STD. 840, Steps 4 & 5.

**Date Contacted** 

**DVBE Company Name** 

DVBE Contact Name & Reference # Telephone Number () ext.

Fax Number

() E-mail (if available)

Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

DVBE was selected and is listed on the GSPD-05-105

DVBE not selected for the following business reasons:

**Date Contacted** 

**DVBE Company Name** 

DVBE Contact Name & Reference # Telephone Number () ext.

Fax Number

() E-mail (if available)

Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

Please do not submit this checklist with your bid. It is provided for your use only. Checking every box of your elected compliance option does not guarantee that your bid will be deemed compliant.

#### OPTION A: COMMITMENT TO DVBE AGREEMENT PARTICIPATION

STD. 840 included with bid Designated the Commitment Option in Section A – Checked the first box of the form STD. 840 Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 completed and included with bid Proposed DVBE participation meets the 3% requirement (unless a different percentage is specified)

OPTION B: GOOD FAITH EFFORT (GFE)

STD. 840 included with bid

Designated the GFE Option in Section A – checked the second box of the form STD. 840

Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 completed and included with bid (any participation obtained is identified on the form)

Step 1. Contacted the Awarding Department and listed the contact information and results

Step 2. Contacted Other State agency (Office of Small Business and DVBE Services) and listed the contact and results –

If a DVBE search was conducted online, included a screen print with bid (Step 2) Searched the Federal U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) using the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) on-line database, noted the results and included a screen print with bid (Step 2) Contacted Local DVBE Organization(s) and listed the contact and results – if a DVBE search was conducted online, included a screen print with bid.

Step 3 Advertised – IF NOT WAIVED IN THE SOLICITATION Listed full information for the advertisement(s) and publication(s)

At least 2 ads (one in a trade publication and one in a DVBE focus publication); OR 1 ad in one approved dual-purpose publication (for approved publications, see Resource Packet at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus) Attached a copy of the advertisement(s) and affidavit(s) of publication The advertisements were published at least 14 days prior to the bid due date (or lesser time as specified)

The advertisements included required contact information.

Step 4 Listed on STD. 840 all DVBEs contacted that were not selected to perform as subcontractors. Attached copies of the invitations sent to DVBEs

Invitations included the required contact information Attached copies of the delivery confirmations for invitations to DVBEs (e.g. mail receipts, fax confirmations, etc.).

Step 5. Listed the business reasons for non-selection of DVBEs contacted

OPTION C: BUSINESS UTILIZATION PLAN (BUP)

Prior to the bid due date - Submitted a BUP to DGS-PD and received approval

STD. 840 included with bid

Designated the BUP Option in Section A – Checked the third box of the form STD. 840

Attached a copy of the BUP Approval letter from DGS-PD

Bidder Declaration form GSPD-05-105 completed and included with bid